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1. During 15-31 January 2,000 drums of gasoline were shipped to Paise (106-34, 23-55) Airfield in three trucks from the Nanning railway station. In early February the drums were stored on open ground of the airfield and camouflaged with grass.
2. On 27 January 6 YAK-3's and YAK-9's arrived at Paise Airfield from Nanning.<sup>1</sup> The planes were still at Paise on 31 January.
3. On 24 January approximately 50 Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Air Force personnel, 17 Chinese Communist officers and 24 Soviets arrived at Nanning via the Lai-Chen Railway. Approximately 30 persons in this group stayed at the Lo Ch'un (樂春) Hotel, Nanning; the rest were billeted at the Nanning Air Force Headquarters.
4. On the morning of 27 January the above group boarded three large trucks and, accompanied by six trucks loaded with air force supplies, left for North Indochina via Huming (108-15, 23-12), T'ientung (107-06, 23-37) and Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09).
5. These DRV Air Force personnel were sent to Northeast China in 1949 for air force training, which included two months practical training on the North Korean front. These men were all ground service personnel. The mission of the group in Indochina is to establish a DRV Air Force.
6. At 1620 hours on 4 February 10 MIG-15's, piloted by Soviets arrived at White Cloud and T'ienho Airfields from Peiping.
7. The Chinese Communists have decided to invade Taiwan soon and expect counter action by Nationalist aircraft against South China. This explains the presence of Soviet jet fighters in Canton. The Chinese Communists plan to maintain approximately 50 jet fighters at Canton to control the air over South China.

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